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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A cat lavatory (8), comprising at least one absorbent material (2) comprising an insert of non-woven material, characterised by having at least one indicator strip (1) for determining a cat's urine levels, which is arranged on and/or in the absorbent material (2).
- 2. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 1, characterised in that the cat lavatory (8) consists of a container with a peripheral side wall (10), which is sealed on all sides in the condition in which it is delivered to the consumer, and which contains absorbent material (2), and which is designed in such a way that it is opened before use and is disposed of in its entirety after use.
- 3. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 2, characterised in that the container is a folded pack.
- 4. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 1, characterised by having a lower part and a replaceable pouch containing the absorbent material (2), which can be placed in the lower part.
- 5. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the insert of non-woven material comprises a super-absorber and a scratch-proof layer of non-woven material disposed on top of the super-absorber.
- 6. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 5, characterised in that a layer of litter is disposed above the scratch-proof layer of non-woven material.
- 7. The cat lavatory as claimed in either of Claims 5 or 6, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) is disposed between the super-absorber and the scratch-proof layer of non-woven material.

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8. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) comprises at least one indicator field (3) and a region for the user to handle the indicator strip (1).

- 9. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 8, characterised in that the indicator field (3) comprises at least one indicator point (4).
- 10. The cat lavatory as claimed in either of Claims 8 or 9, characterised in that the indicator field (3), in the condition in which it is delivered to the consumer, is arranged within a protective cover (5).
- 11. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 10, characterised in that the protective cover (5) is made substantially from water-proof plastic material and is attached on and/or in the absorbent material (2).
- 12. The cat lavatory as claimed in Claim 11, characterised in that the protective cover is attached on and/or in the absorbent material with spots of adhesive (7).
- 13. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) is substantially made from water-proof plastic material.
- 14. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) is fixed to the absorbent material (2) with at least one further attachment means (9).
- 15. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) can be activated by pulling it out over the absorbent material (2).
- 16. A cat lavatory as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the indicator field (3) is disposed on the side of the indicator strip (1) facing the super-absorber.

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17. A method of determining a cat's urine levels using a cat lavatory as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 16, characterised in that in order to activate the indicator strip (1), it is drawn over the insert of non-woven material, especially the super-absorber.

18. The method as claimed in Claim 17, characterised in that the indicator strip (1) is used to determine urine levels, such as sugar and blood contents and the like.

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